

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 10, 2009. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2 and 5-23 were pending, and Claims 3 and 4 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In the current Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 5, and 8-21 were rejected, and Claims 6, 7, 22, and 23 were objected to. Claims 1, 6-7, and 14-16 are herein amended, and Claims 22-23 are herein cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

The Claims are Amended to Include Subject Matter Deemed Allowable by the Examiner.

Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication that dependent Claims 22 and 23 (which depended from Claim 1) and dependent Claims 6 and 7 (which further depended from Claims 22 and 23) would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended each independent Claims 1, 14, 15, and 16 to include the limitations of dependent Claims 22 and 23. Thus, independent Claims 1, 14, 15, and 16 now include subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance independent Claims 1, 14, 15, and 16, as well as all claims that depend therefrom.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicant believes there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4871 of King & Spalding L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.457.2030.

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